

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-44. (Canceled)

Claim 45. (Currently Amended) An information processing apparatus comprising:

a processor for executing a booting program to start up said information processing apparatus; ~~and~~

a non-removable data storage located in said information processing apparatus for storing said booting program and first data accessible by said booting program; and another data storage for storing second data accessible by said booting program, the other data storage comprising a recording medium removably connected to said information processing apparatus,

wherein said processor selectively uses said first data stored in said non-removable data storage or said second data stored in ~~another~~ said other data storage according to said booting program to start up said information processing apparatus, said other data storage being capable of data communication with said information processing apparatus.

Claim 46. (Previously Presented) An information processing apparatus according to claim 45, wherein said first data and said second data are image data, and

wherein said processor selectively displays an image of said first data or an image of said second data on a display according to said booting program in starting up said information processing apparatus.

Claim 47. (canceled)

Claim 48. (Currently Amended) An information processing apparatus according to claim 4745, wherein said second data includes at least one of image data and sound data.

Claim 49. (Currently Amended) An information processing apparatus according to claim 4745, wherein said processor displays an image of said first data on a display in starting up said information processing apparatus when said recording medium is not connected to said information processing apparatus, and said processor displays an image of said second data on said display in starting up said information processing apparatus when said recording medium is connected to said information processing apparatus.

Claim 50. (Previously Presented) An information processing apparatus according to claim 45, wherein the other data storage for storing said second data is a portable electronic device.

Claim 51. (Currently Amended) An information processing apparatus comprising:
a processor for executing a booting program to start up said information processing apparatus; and
a communication unit for data communication with a plurality of data storages for storing data, one of said data storages being a non-removable data storage located in said information processing apparatus for storing said booting program, and at least one other of said data storages being capable of data communication with said information processing apparatus,

wherein said processor selectively uses said data stored in said plurality of data storages according to said booting program to start up said information processing apparatus.

Claim 52. (Previously Presented) An information processing apparatus according to claim 51, wherein said data stored in said plurality of data storages are image data, and

wherein said processor selectively displays an image of said data stored in said plurality of data storages on a display according to said booting program in starting up said information processing apparatus.

Claim 53. (Currently Amended) An information processing apparatus according to claim 52, wherein the at least one other of said ~~plurality of~~ data storages is a portable electronic device.

Claim 54. (Previously Presented) An information processing apparatus according to claim 52, wherein said data stored in said plurality of data storages are image data, and

wherein said processor sequentially displays images of said data stored in said plurality of data storages on a display according to said booting program in starting up said information processing apparatus.

Claim 55. (Currently Amended) A method of starting up an information processing apparatus, comprising the steps of:

executing a booting program;

selecting data from first data stored in a non-removable data storage of said information processing apparatus and a second data stored in another data storage according to said booting program, wherein the other data storage for storing said second data comprises a recording medium removably connected to said information processing apparatus, said other data storage being capable of data communication with said information processing apparatus; and

starting up said information processing apparatus using the selected data.

Claim 56. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 55, wherein said first data and said second data are image data, said method further comprising the step of:

displaying an image of the selected image data on a display according to said booting program in starting up said information processing apparatus.

Claim 57. (canceled)

Claim 58. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim ~~57~~55, wherein said second data includes at least one of image data and sound data.

Claim 59. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim ~~57~~55, wherein an image of said first data is displayed on a display in starting up said information processing apparatus when said recording medium is not connected to said information processing apparatus, and an image of said second data is displayed on said display in starting up said

information processing apparatus when said recording medium is connected to said information processing apparatus.

Claim 60. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 55, wherein the other data storage for storing said second data is a portable electronic device.

Claim 61. (Currently Amended) A method of starting up an information processing apparatus, comprising the steps of:

executing a booting program;

establishing data communication with a plurality of data storages for storing data,
one of said data storages being a non-removable data storage located in said information processing apparatus for storing said booting program;

selecting data from data stored in said plurality of data storages according to said booting program, at lest one other of said data storages being capable of data communication with said information processing apparatus; and

starting up said information processing apparatus using the selected data.

Claim 62. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 61, wherein said data stored in said plurality of data storages are image data, said method further comprising the step of:

displaying an image of the selected data on a display according to said booting program in starting up said information processing apparatus.

Claim 63. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 62, wherein at least one of said plurality of data storages is a portable electronic device.

Claim 64. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 62, wherein said data stored in said plurality of data storages are image data, said method further comprising the step of:

displaying images of said data stored in said plurality of data storages sequentially on a display according to said booting program in starting up said information processing apparatus.

Claim 65. (Currently Amended) A method of starting up an information processing apparatus, comprising the steps of:

transmitting variable boot data to the information processing apparatus, to be executed according to a boot sequence by ~~an~~ the information processing apparatus which executes a program to process data, said variable boot data being stored in a recording medium that is removably inserted in the information processing apparatus to the information processing apparatus; and

storing invariable boot data in a non-removable boot execution storage means located in the information processing apparatus; and

selectively booting the information processing apparatus according to the booting sequence based on one of said variable boot data transmitted from said recording medium and said invariable boot data in said boot execution storage means.

Claim 66. (Canceled)

Claim 67. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 65, wherein said information processing apparatus has transmission data storage means for storing the boot data transmitted from said recording medium.

Claim 68. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 65, wherein said boot data stored in said recording medium comprises a startup image display program.

Claim 69. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 65, wherein said recording medium comprises a memory card having control means for managing data.

Claim 70. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 65, wherein said information processing apparatus comprises a video game apparatus.

Claim 71. (Currently Amended) A recording medium for storing data, which is removably inserted in an information processing apparatus which executes a program to process data, said recording medium comprising:

memory means for storing variable boot data to be executed according to a boot sequence by the information processing apparatus when the information processing apparatus is booted;

transmitting means for transmitting the boot data stored by said memory means to said information processing apparatus; and

control means for managing data,

wherein said information processing apparatus comprises a non-removable data storage for storing invariable boot data and a booting program for executing said boot sequence, said booting program selectively booting the information processing apparatus according to the booting sequence based on one of said variable boot data transmitted from said recording medium and said invariable boot data.

Claim 72. (Previously Presented) A recording medium according to claim 71, wherein said boot data stored in said recording medium comprises a startup image display program.

Claim 73. (Previously Presented) A recording medium according to claim 71, wherein said recording medium comprises a memory card for storing data generated by said information processing apparatus.

Claim 74. (Previously Presented) A recording medium according to claim 71, wherein said information processing apparatus comprises a video game apparatus.

Claim 75. (Currently Amended) An information processing apparatus for processing data, ~~with a recording medium removably inserted therein,~~ comprising:

a removable storage means comprising a recording medium removably inserted in said information processing apparatus, said recording medium storing variable boot data;
boot execution storage means for storing boot data to be executed according to a boot sequence as invariable boot data;

reading means for reading said variable boot data, to be executed when the information processing apparatus is booted, stored in ~~a~~ said recording medium;

boot data storage means, comprising a non-removable data storage means located in said information processing apparatus, for selectively storing said invariable boot data or the boot data read from said recording medium; and

booting means for executing the boot data stored in said boot data storage means according to a boot sequence.

Claim 76. (Canceled)

Claim 77. (Previously Presented) An information processing apparatus according to claim 75, wherein said boot data stored in said recording medium comprises a startup image display program.

Claim 78. (Previously Presented) An information processing apparatus according to claim 75, wherein said recording medium comprises a memory card having control means for managing data.

Claim 79. (Previously Presented) An information processing apparatus according to claim 75, wherein the information processing apparatus comprises a video game apparatus.

Claim 80. (Currently Amended) A method of starting up an information processing apparatus, comprising the steps of:

storing variable boot data to be executed according to a boot sequence in a recording medium that is removably inserted in said information processing apparatus;
storing invariable boot data in a non-removable boot execution storage means located in said information processing apparatus; and
selectively executing one of said variable boot data and said invariable boot data;
~~to be executed according to a said boot sequence by an said information processing apparatus which executes a program to process data, stored in a recording medium that is removably inserted in the information processing apparatus, according to the boot sequence.~~

Claim 81. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 80, wherein said information processing apparatus has boot execution storage means for storing the boot data to be executed according to the boot sequence as invariable boot data.

Claim 82. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 80, wherein said boot data stored in said recording medium comprises a startup image display program.

Claim 83. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 80, wherein said recording medium comprises a memory card having control means for managing data.

Claim 84. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 80, wherein said information processing apparatus comprises a video game apparatus.